

The Democrat.

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VERSAILLES, : : MISSOURI

A Kansas man killed himself drinking circus lemonade. He was a hard drinker of soft drinks.

Central American diplomacy may be a joke, but the list of killed and wounded shows that war in that region is serious.

A Cleveland man with five sets of twins and four odd ones in his family, believes President Roosevelt should award him a medal. A "twin medal," not a "tin one," is evidently what he wants.

San Franciscans insist that within three years their city will be greater than ever. Under such circumstances optimism is an asset second in value to none.

Army and navy maneuvers in the United States are pronounced to be a bluff by other countries, but not by those who have felt the force of Uncle Sam's arms.

A consul writes that Colombia publishes no statistics. Colombia is wise in this respect, if it loses many opportunities like the one in which it tried to work Uncle Sam for a hugely bigger offer.

The gardens of the Palace La Granja, where Alfonso and Victoria spend their honeymoon, is celebrated for its fountains. One of them, the Banos del Diane, spouts to the height of 130 feet. When the fountain was completed, Philip V., the builder of the palace, said:

"Well, it has cost me \$3,000,000, but for three minutes I have been amused."

One of the strongest endorsements of the Osages as a law-abiding people was given by J. F. Palmer in his speech at Hominy recently, says the Osage (Okla.) Journal, when he said that out of the 2,000 on the roll there was at the present time only one member in prison, and there had been in the past period of ten years at a time when not an Osage was behind prison bars. Out of a population of 2,000 this is a remarkable showing, and speaks well for the Osage as a future citizen of the new commonwealth.

This latest news from the Crow reservation is discouraging. We do not like to hear that the genuine cowboy is dying out and that solemn, useful, commonplace persons from the middle west are taking up new lands, thus transforming a scene of gaiety into one of plain, everyday, humdrum industry and thrift. Of course, we want to see the country prosper and hear it hum with progress. But we should like to preserve at least a little of the picturesque, the impulsive and the primeval. The buffalo has been exterminated. There is hardly a bear left that won't eat out of your hand. Are we to put Chinaman Pete to driving street cars and hire gun fighters to feed pigs?

In September the birthday of Pike's Peak will be observed by the state of Colorado. When Pike was captured by Spanish soldiers in February, 1807, he was relieved of several maps and manuscripts which were never recovered. They are supposed to have been sent by the governor of Santa Fe to the viceroy of the City of Mexico, and by him forwarded to Madrid. As the Spanish are careful about the preservation of historical documents and records, it is believed that Pike's papers are still in existence. At the suggestion of Representative Brooks, of Colorado, Secretary Root has requested the Spanish government to institute a search for them. If found they will probably be returned.

Texas Woman says that it is a mistake to suppose men would be more domestic if their wives should feed them better. She says a highly-fed man becomes so frisky that it is impossible to control him, and that the only way to hold him to a condition of humility and subjection is to serve him plain food and make him bring in the wood.

Matto Grosso, the Brazilian state where a "terrible" revolt has been reported, by way of Lisbon, has half a million square miles of territory, and less than 100,000 inhabitants. Any wild-eyed insurrection might rampage around in that wilderness without doing much damage.

A New York specialist says bridge whist is responsible for much of the nervous prostration among women. It is more responsible for the nervous disorders of the husbands of the bridge women.

No complaint is made abroad of microbes on American rifles. The British soldiers in India will hunt with an other kind.

THE SPIRIT OF 1908.



A HOT FIGHT

OLD MAN MARTIN, HIS BOYS AND FIFTY KENTUCKIANS WHIP SHERIFF AND POSSE.

FOUR FEUDISTS KILLED

Sheriff and Posse Retire, and Will Await the Arrival of Reinforcements—Want Old Man Martin to Surrender.

Whitesburg, Ky.—A messenger from Sand Lick, Ky., brings the news of a terrific battle on the headwaters of Beaver creek, in Knott county, between the Martin faction of the Hall-Martin feud and the posse under Sheriff Hayes, who is trying to effect their capture.

The report says that four members of the outlaw gang were killed, and that two officers were wounded, but that the names can not be learned at this time, as the feudists were not routed from their stronghold.

The officers have retreated to Hindman for reinforcements.

The Martins are Wyatt and two sons, Silas and Alexander. They are under indictment for desperately wounding Dick Hall and William Thornberry and Deputy Sheriff Bates, shooting them from ambush recently. The Martins have about fifty men in their command. They are entrenched at the home of Martin, on Beaver creek.

Every effort is being made to get a truce arranged, and get old man Martin and his two sons to surrender to the authorities, as they will not submit to arrest by force.

FIGHT A DUEL TO THE DEATH

Two Missourians Settle Their Difficulty With Pistols.

Springfield, Mo.—In the streets of Chadwick, a small town, thirty miles south of Springfield Charles Freeman, a merchant, and Robert Keene, 18 years old, fought a duel to the death with revolvers. Suit recently was brought by Freeman against Keene charging the latter with assaulting his 15-year-old daughter.

Freeman was shot twice, one bullet penetrating the forehead and another in the region of the heart. Both men were dead when the spectators reached them.

Freeman leaves a widow and several children. He was well-to-do, being the proprietor of stores at Chadwick and Garrison, Mo. Keene was the son of Thomas Keene, a wealthy farmer living near Chadwick.

MILAN EXPOSITION FIRE-SWEPT

Held to Celebrate Completion of Simplon Tunnel.

London—A disastrous fire swept the exposition at Milan. The exposition celebrates the completion of the Simplon tunnel, the largest in the world, which bores through the Alps, connecting Milan, in Italy, with Geneva and Lausanne, in Switzerland. The exposition opened May 1, and was continue until November 1.

Some Terse Telegrams

Mrs. Thos. Lawson, wife of the Boston financier, died at summer home at Scituate, Mass., from heart trouble.

Gov. Vardaman of Mississippi opposes education of black people.

King Edward presents New York yacht club with silver cup.

One trainman killed and two injured in derailment of St. Louis & San Francisco passenger train at Joplin, Mo.

St. Louis baker found dead on roof of house in Denver.

A constable killed and 20 passengers injured in trolley accident at Danville, Ill.

Twenty-five St. Louisans injured in a head-on collision at Ste. Genevieve, Mo.

Ed Younker, railroad engineer, killed in pistol duel with deputy sheriffs at Lake Manawa, Ia.

American Ambassador Thompson finds no grounds for alarm on part of Americans in Mexico.

Mrs. Guy Cannon, divorced, was killed at Garrett, Ind., by Ed. Black.

James B. Postlethwaite, railway clerk, Detroit, fasted 49 days and died.

Alfred Scannell, leather merchant, St. Louis, took the carbolic acid route.

Wm. J. Patterson, Pittsburg contractor, and Fay Templeton, actress, married.

The treaty between United States and Spain has been completed.

Tom Pahn, negro, in jail at Decatur, Ill., confesses to murder at St. Joseph, Mich.

Former Missourians in Oklahoma will picnic at Hobart, September 4.

Capt. Shipp, who was sheriff of Chattanooga, Tenn., when negro was lynched, renominated at primary by big majority.

Boll weevil devastating cotton crop in Natchitoches parish, La.

Mrs. Grace Hutchinson acquitted at Buena Vista, Col., of killing Mrs. Mary Bode. It was shown that Mrs. Bode came between Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson.

Coal washer at Mount Olive, Ill., burned; loss, \$90,000.

Secretary Taft will speak in Littlefield's district in Maine.

Bryan has "O. K'd." Tom Johnson for chairman of welcome committee.

Bryan requests Democratic National Committee man Sullivan, Illinois, to resign, and he refuses.

Pennsylvania railroad directors decide to reduce passenger fares.

President Hill will limit dividends of his railroads to 7 percent.

W. H. Wiley, for 37 years superintendent Terre Haute schools, has resigned.

Lord Curzon will visit the United States shortly.

The dry spell in McPherson county, Kansas, broken by heavy rain.

Two sons of C. W. Charles, 16 and 9 years, drowned at Flora, Ill.

Hearst will run for governor on independent ticket in New York.

Oklahoma telephone companies perfect a merger.

Michigan republican nominate Fred M. Warner for governor.

Jas. H. Sage, Troy, N. Y., nephew, says Sage's will will be contested.

Secretary Root's speech before Pan-American congress at Rio de Janeiro created a wave of friendly feeling for United States.

IN RUSSIA

EMEUTE IN THE ARMY AND NAVY OF THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE.

FLAMES OF REVOLUTION

Trouble On Land and Sea, and From All Portions of the Country Comes News of Uprisings and Terror.

Stirring events have occurred in Russia. A revolution started at Sveaborg, one of the strong fortresses of Finland. The mutineers captured the fort, but it was retaken by the loyal troops. Six hundred men were killed or wounded. It is believed that many of the mutineers that surrendered were court-martialed and shot.

Fort Constantine, at Cronstadt, near St. Petersburg, was the scene of another uprising, and 100 were killed.

From all parts of Russia comes news of uprising by peasants, and the burning of palaces and looting of estates.

Several vessels of the Baltic fleet mutinied, among them the battleship "Asia," one of the strongest of the fleet.

There are rumors that the emperor purposes to turn the country over to a dictator, and that Grand Duke Nicholas, his brother, has been chosen.

Premier Stolypin, who attempted to reorganize the cabinet, has been turned down by the czar, and there may be fresh troubles from that quarter.

The revolutionists are apparently undaunted, and intend to persist in their programme of calling a general strike, is the latest news.

Army and navy officers have been killed, and civil officers obnoxious to the revolutionaries have been assassinated.

Revolutionaries declare the fires of revolt will spread to every portion of the empire.

The Outlook Dark.

Although the mutinies at Sveaborg have been ended and the one at Cronstadt has been practically put down, the outlook is still black. The revolutionists, whose hands were suddenly forced by the premature rising at Sveaborg, apparently are undaunted at these initial reverses.

One of the leaders of the revolutionists boasted that the word had gone forth and the fire of revolt would spread to the corners of the empire. His closing words to the correspondent were:

"Now watch Reval, Riga and Libau."

Rumored the Czar May Flee.

It is reported that the emperor and the imperial family will flee from Peterhof to Tsarkoe-Selo.

The armored cruiser Pamyat Azova has mutinied off the Estonian coast, and is now in full possession of the mutineers, which is sailing northward toward the Finnish coast.

The battleship Slava has been ordered to find and sink the mutineer.

The captain and four officers were put to death on the warship by the mutineers. Four officers were killed at Cronstadt, and Rear-Admiral Beclmescheff, who was bayoneted in the back, was seriously wounded.

Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholalevich, the emperor's brother-in-law, in a rage, ordered all mutineers put to death. The executions are in progress. It is declared that many innocent persons have been killed.

Strike Not a Success.

St. Petersburg—The fate of the general strike which, although it has affected close to 70,000 men in St. Petersburg, has met with only slight response in other sections of Russia, probably will be decided with an adverse expression of public opinion. The lack of union among the leaders of the proletarian organizations is playing against the success of the movement.

Have Been Intimidated.

The railroad men have been intimidated by the recent making of strikes affecting communications penal offenses. The law, providing severe punishment, was enacted with direct reference to general strikes.

The council of workmen's deputies, which met secretly at Terioki, Finland, continued its session till a late hour. The deputies were so incensed at the timidity displayed by the railroad men that they decided to resort, if necessary, to the blowing up of bridges and the destruction of the roadbeds, etc., to bring the transportation service to a standstill.

Fatal Fight Over Election.

Memphis, Tenn.—J. G. Wellington, a saloonkeeper, was killed; W. J. Cooke, a judge of election, was fatally wounded, and E. B. Conn was shot in the foot in a fight over the election at a polling place.

MADE UP HIS MIND TO KILL.

DEED OF A MAN MADE CRAZY BY STRAVATION.

Determined to Slay the First Man Who Came Along, and Wm. C. Pearson Was the Man.

New York—While apparently crazed, John Carle, a homeless youth, crept behind Wm. C. Pearson, a traveling salesman, who was walking through West Twenty-third street, and plunged a long knife into his back. As Pearson fell Carle sprang upon him, and began rifling his pockets, but ran away when a dozen passers-by rushed on him. Half a block away he was captured by a policeman, to whom he surrendered the knife, saying: "Here's what's left of it." The blade had been broken in half, leaving three inches in Pearson's back. Pearson was taken to the hospital, where it was found that he was probably mortally wounded.

When taken to court Carle, who was much emaciated and so weak as hardly to be able to stand, said:

"I made up my mind to kill some one and rob him. I was hungry. I had eaten nothing since Friday night. I stole a fruit knife from a push cart in Park Row, and a few minutes before this man came along I made up my mind to kill the first man who passed. This man was the first, and I went for him."

Carle was committed to Bellevue hospital for mental examination.

PLANS REJECTED BY FRANCE.

Submarine Torpedo Boat for Germany Launched at Krupp's.

Kiel—A submarine boat constructed by an engineer named Mont Justin, at Krupp's Germania works, has been launched.

The trials will take place in September. Mont Justin, who was born in Vienna, of Spanish parents, offered the plans of his boat to the French government, which rejected them. They were accepted by the late Frederick Krupp, who contracted with the German government to build a boat on Mont Justin's plans. The boat displaces 180 tons. It has a radius of action of 3,000 miles, a surface speed of 12 knots and a speed of nine knots below the surface. Her engines are driven by electric motors and she will carry a crew of from 12 to 16 men.

MILLER HAS BEEN OUSTED

Suspended For Insubordination and Insolence, Now Dismissed.

Washington, D. C.—W. A. Miller, assistant foreman of the government printing office, who was suspended by the public printer on July 21 for insubordination and insolence, has been dismissed from the government service.

Miller's former suspension in 1903 was the cause of President Roosevelt's order declaring the government printing office and all offices where workmen employed by the government to be open shops.

In a Head-On Collision.

Worcester, Mass.—Two cars met in a head-on collision on the Worcester & Holden trolley line five miles from Worcester, and 17 persons were injured are: Miss Campello Presto, Boston; fractured skull, may die. Miss Florence Johnson, Worcester, broken knee cap, shock, condition serious. Miss Bertha Royce, Worcester, lacerations about lower limbs. Roland Johnson, Worcester, abdominal injuries, condition critical.

Gage's Son a Suicide

Seattle, Wash.—Ell A. Gage, son of Lyman J. Gage, former secretary of the treasury, committed suicide in his room at the Tourists' hotel here, by shooting through the heart. Death was instantaneous. It is believed his mind was affected.

Gen. Greely Transferred to St. Louis.

Washington—Orders have been issued at the war department assigning Maj. Gen. A. W. Greely to the command of the Northern division, to succeed Maj. Gen. Henry C. Corbin, with headquarters at St. Louis, effective September 16.

Ten Millions For Charity.

New York—That Mrs. Russell Sage would distribute to charity in the near future \$10,000,000 is the announcement from a source authoritative.

Edward Uhl Dead.

New York—Edward Uhl, president of the New York Staats-Zeitung corporation, died at his home here after a long illness.

King and Kaiser to Meet.

London—It is officially announced that King Edward and Emperor William will meet at Friedrichskron on August 15.

Mayer Johnson Acquitted.

Cleveland—Mayor Johnson was acquitted on citation for contempt in tearing up street railway tracks.